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Generate the smooth singular k -chains over a ring R

$$\text{sing}_k^\infty(M, R)$$

from the set of all smooth k -simplices

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The boundary of a smooth k -simplex

$$\partial_k \sigma := \sigma|_{\partial \Delta^k}$$

gives a group homomorphism

$$\partial_k : \text{sing}_k^\infty \rightarrow \text{sing}_{k-1}^\infty$$

making

$$(\text{sing}_\bullet^\infty, \partial_\bullet)$$

the smooth singular chain complex of M .

The *smooth singular homology group* is the homology group of the chain complex

$$H_k \text{sing}^\infty(M, R) := \frac{\ker(\partial_k : \text{sing}_k^\infty \rightarrow \text{sing}_{k-1}^\infty)}{\text{im}(\partial_k : \text{sing}_{k+1}^\infty \rightarrow \text{sing}_k^\infty)}$$

- integration

$$\int : \text{Forms}^k(M) \times \text{sing}_k^\infty(M, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

gives a map?

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